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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

RE: Approval of Revised Educator Certification Assessments

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island requires RIDE to seek Council approval for new or revised certification tests and passing scores that are required for initial certification.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides most R.I. certification tests. Two current assessments have been recently revised. RI participated in multi- state standard-setting studies to assist in establishing a passing score.

Attached please find a summary of the proposed recommended changes.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the proposed changes to the certification tests and passing scores, as presented.



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Proposed Certification Assessment Changes

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to recommend assessments and minimum scores for approval by the Council.

Updated Assessments

Certification Area	Current Test	Cut Score	Proposed Test	Recommended Cut Score
Middle Grades Mathematics (Stand alone, Elementary Extension, Secondary Extension)	Middle School Mathematics (5169)	165	Middle School Mathematics (5164)	157
Secondary Grades Mathematics	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	160	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5165)	159

Middle Grades Mathematics - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has regenerated the Middle School Mathematics (5169). The new assessment, Middle School Mathematics (5164) has a recommended passing score of 157, which was set through a multistate standard-setting study conducted in February 2021.

Secondary Grades Mathematics - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has regenerated the Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161). The new assessment, Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5165) has a recommended passing score of 159, which was set through multistate standard-setting study conducted in February 2021.